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1. The airfield was about two miles northeast of RZHEV (34°20' E/56°15' N), Kalinin Oblast, between two railroad lines running northeast to RZHEV.
2. There were ravified crossing runways and taxiways.
3. Four to six hangars were located at long intervals on the edge of the field. There were small buildings nearby.
4. The following planes were observed over the field:
 - a. Single-engine fighters flying individually or in formations of three.
 - b. Twin-engine aircraft flying individually and in formations of up to nine planes.
5. A large barracks building with spur track was located not far from the RZHEV-North railroad station. The barracks building was occupied by engineer soldiers and air force units wearing light blue epauletts.

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Comment:

a. This information on the reconstruction and occupation of the RZHEV airfield is considered credible, although the observations made from a distance of about 1/2 mile cannot furnish a definite picture of the reconditioning work being done at the field. According to a previous report, an air force ground unit of about 180 men was previously observed there. This occupation is considered too high for a commercial field.

b. The observed single-engine fighters flying in formations of three planes each are believed to be ground attack aircraft, since fighters have so far only been observed in formations of four planes. The twin-engine aircraft, on which no data were supplied, are either transports or bombers. However, they are assumed to be bombers since they were observed with single-engine planes. This assumption must be confirmed by other reports.

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